

7 February 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Security Center

SUBJECT: Clearance of Contractor Personnel for
NRO Projects

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1. Reference is made to the cable from General Greer protesting the clearance by CIA of five persons for access to [REDACTED] without obtaining prior DNRO approval. Inquiry revealed that these persons had been cleared without reference to DNRO contrary to existing policy and regulations covering access to NRO information.

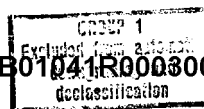
2. The proposed reply to General Greer was discussed with DDS&T who felt that as a matter of policy, he, representing CIA, should be able to clear any one, including contractors, he deemed necessary and appropriate to any program in the NRO. Dr. Wheelon took this position on the basis of the need for this information in support of Agency intelligence activities. I pointed out that the granting or assumption of such authority would have to in like manner be given to Dr. Fubini of DOD who holds an equivalent position in DOD. Dr. Fubini would then be able to clear any one he saw fit into NRO programs for which the Agency had contracting and security responsibility. I further pointed out that this would make adequate security controls most difficult as we would never currently and accurately know who possessed information concerning Agency control of contracts.

3. This matter was taken up in a discussion with General Carter, DDCI, who after some discussion affirmed my position and subsequently, a cable has been sent to General Greer acknowledging the Agency error in clearing these personnel without reference to the DNRO.

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